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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Paul BRIAND et al.

Group Art Unit: 1654

Application No.: 09/889,178

Examiner: M. AUDET

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For: PSEUDOPEPTIDE, SYNTHESIS METHOD, REAGENT AND APPLICATIONS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 30, 2005, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 18 are currently being examined, and claims 12-17 remain withdrawn from consideration. Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-3, 5-11, and 18 are allowed.

I. §112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action argues that it is unclear how R2 of formulae I and II of claim 4 can be a hydrogen atom when claim 1 (from which claim 4 depends) requires that R2 is an amino acid side chain. In other words, the Office Action argues that claim 4 is indefinite because H is not an amino acid side chain. Applicants respectfully disagree, and assert that H is the amino acid side chain of Glycine.